

A PROTECTIVE ILLITERACY

Dear Aspirant:

There must be a definite protection for the delicate inspiration by which the nascent Master makes his very real if not well-interpreted touch with higher reality. Moreover, there must be equal protection for those souls who have been repelled by the critical perfection assumed for itself by much modern scientific thinking and thus will be no less repelled by a point of view ordered according to whatever valid canons of knowledge have been developed by this modern age. They must be permitted full touch with the reality in which they alone may have experience of the higher potentiality for themselves. It is not the abstract question of true or false but of actual effectiveness in the individual case. The broader canons of judgment have a closer correspondence with the pattern of nature herself, and thus permit the greater social co-operation and wide mass movement of humanity in that upward pilgrimage to which all men contribute instinctively, but it is more important that the individual have immediate help than that we be concerned over the abstract question of basic merit in method. Hence it is better that a seeker be healed through a cult and gain a measure of citizenship in the immortal company, even if his membership in such a group might make him seem queer to his fellows and hamper him in his everyday work. In time the cult will disappear. He might have been healed by more established and enduring means but if none of these had had quickening power at the core of his consciousness they never could have served him but instead might even have cost him his existence.

The illiteracy of many occult leaders and sensationalism and fantastic nature of much occult presentation will often offer high hope to souls otherwise lost in frustrations set in truer realization.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

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THE AFFIRMATIONS FOR LAST WEEK AND THIS

Health: I shape my temple to divine desire.

Prosperity: I share the wealth of every other person.

Happiness: My heart receives the truth from every source.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME

Dear Aspirant:

While it would be silly and suicidal to affirm that anything at all will serve as a healing method yet it is unintelligent if not equally silly and suicidal to deny that what is able to quicken an individual will have some measure of efficacy in giving him real healing help. The constant quarreling over methods of healing is due, at the core of the matter, to the frequent difficulty in maintaining what results may have been gained by the healing. In conventional medical practice there usually is a tangible agent such as the medicine or the organic manipulation or stimulation or even surgery, and this can hold in consciousness as living assurance. In spiritual healing the basic psychological need for self-reinforcement is no less marked and usually it demands unquestioned faith in the method. This at least is the case with the average person who is but slightly quickened to any true or immortal sense of absolute relations. Any threat to the integrity of the healing method is thus a menace to the healing itself, and with occultists generally there is a continual and flurried effort to bring all men to an acceptance of their method as a best or only and to neglect all consideration of the individual reality of the healing.

The extravagant wildness of some occult claims, by calling for extremes of faith or credulity, actually results in quickening the consciousness to the genuine mobilization of powers that ultimately are the basis of all healing. Consequently our uncompromising determination to find the good in all things is to be understood as root emphasis on the quickening potential rather than ultimate rightness of whatever may enter human experience. Healing has justification as it meets immediate needs. Eventual clarifications follow in due course.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

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THE AFFIRMATIONS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Health: I perfect myself within the frame of highest expectation.

Prosperity: I am the master of my circumstances.

Happiness: My soul rejoices in the good that comes to others.

PHILOSOPHY BEGINS AT HOME

Dear Aspirant:

The great success in the healing work of early Christian communities was in the fact that their attitude was one of sharing and not one of the imposition of their ideas on their neighbors. Nothing is more indicative of the weakness of modern spiritual healing than an irresistible tendency on the part of nearly all groups to take command of the cosmos and almost issue orders to God to compel their notion on their total environment. Subconsciously they are seeking to preserve themselves within themselves just as they are and to gain help for the personal difficulties besetting them by a sort of bargain in which the effort they give to the cosmos will put the cosmos under obligation to them and so lead to their own healing. The early Christians differed from this primarily in the fact that they were intent on being worthy. They wished to be less selfish, less self-seeking, more generous in an immortal outreaching to others on the basis of each other's potentiality, more understanding and helpful in giving reality to every soul in its own genius. They lived in their realization that the environment and the world in which they lived would be more changed by their lives and their quality of act and attitude than by any political effort.

Healing is to help the individual fulfill the potentials of his own being and not to make him more comfortable or happy. When the healing effort becomes involved in the gratuitous assumptions of a paternalistic sympathy, then all healing is defeated by the underlying attitude of condescension. There is seldom a conscious idea that the self is better than those for whom help is asked, but none the less it is tragically true that the focus of interest has moved from the well-being of all-self to the well-being of the one self's private notions.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

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Prosperity: I am the master of my circumstances.

Happiness: My soul rejoices in the good that comes to others.

HEALING IS A SUPPLEMENTAL AGENCY

Dear Aspirant:

Everything considered, truly no one thing delays a man's spiritual progress more than the common but mad pursuit of panaceas or catch-all and infallible solutions for all the ills of mankind. This is assuming that individual difference is a mistake on the part of God or that the cosmos is devoid of all order or purpose in its normal and everyday outworkings. Spiritual healing is not something that if efficacious is thereby proof that nothing else has any efficacy. It is not to be taken as something such as is effective only if used in smug separation from any other possible therapeutic aid. Actually healing is spiritual only if like spirit it operates in and through all normal social realities. There is a distinction here between medical ministration and faith healing because the latter must have its substantiation in real transcendence of conventional ways, but the basic purpose of all faith healing is to provide special evidence of the presence of divinity in human affairs and the consideration is apart from the consideration of healing as a therapeutic agency available for all men in total independence of their religious convictions. Healing is really a supplemental agency, to carry on beyond or behind the objective aids to man's health and general well-being.

What objection there is to material medicine in esoteric circles is to the acceptance of drugs and remedies to permit relief in some abuse of self in body and affairs and so escape all need to bring about a better way of living within the being. If man may take something for a digestive upset and encourage himself to eat injudiciously and otherwise give free rein to his appetites he is helped to handicap his soul eternally by the crystallization of unhealthy selfishness.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

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THE AFFIRMATIONS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Health: My outer being is reborn within.

Prosperity: I dwell within the sunshine of the Presence.

Happiness: My spirit claims the fellowship of greater values.